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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Ferenc KORODI, et al.
Group Art Unit : 1625
Application No. : 10/777,535
Examiner : Bernard DENTZ
Filed : February 11, 2004
For : PROCESS FOR PREPARING SIMVASTATIN HAVING
CONTROLLED RANGES OF SIMVASTATIN DIMER
CONTENT
Docket No. : 11128/57903

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 22-35, 40-42, and 45, directed to a process for preparing simvastatin, for examination in the above-identified application, in response to an oral Restriction Requirement issued by Examiner Dentz to Applicants' representative via telephone on July 15, 2005.

Examiner Dentz requires election of one of the following Groups of claims for examination.

Group I: claims 1-13, 18, 19, and 44 directed to a process for preparing simvastatin;

Group II: claims 14-17, 20, and 21 directed to the process of Group I with additional steps;

Group III: claims 22-35, 40-42, and 45 directed to a process for preparing simvastatin; and

Group IV: claims 36-39 and 43 directed to the process of Group III with additional steps.

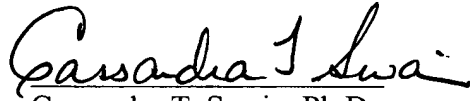
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202.220.4200 to discuss any issues regarding this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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